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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

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sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis of this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).

sheets which supersede earlier sheets, but which this Authority considers contain an amendment that goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed, as indicated in item 4 of Box No. I and the Supplemental Box.

b. (*sent to the International Bureau only*) a total of (indicate type and number of electronic carrier(s))
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):

the international application as originally filed/furnished
 the description:
 pages 1-5 _____ as originally filed/furnished
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

the claims:
 pages 7 (claims 8-9) _____ as originally filed/furnished
 pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
 pages* 6-7 (claims 1-6) _____ received by this Authority on 12.10.2004
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

the drawings:
 pages 1 _____ as originally filed/furnished
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____
 the claims, Nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets/figs _____
 the sequence listing (specify): _____
 any table(s) related to the sequence listing (specify): _____

4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

the description, pages 1-5 _____
 the claims, Nos. 7-12 _____
 the drawings, sheets/figs _____
 the sequence listing (specify): _____
 any table(s) related to the sequence listing (specify): _____

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Box No. V **Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

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| Novelty (N) | Claims | <u>1-6, 8-9</u> | YES |
| | Claims | _____ | NO |
| Inventive step (IS) | Claims | <u>1-6, 8-9</u> | YES |
| | Claims | _____ | NO |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims | <u>1-6, 8-9</u> | YES |
| | Claims | _____ | NO |

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The invention concerns a system for computer assisted driver lessons of the kind stated in the preamble of the amended claim 1. In order to achieve practical and immediate feedback sessions at the end of the driving lesson the processing unit is arranged to store signals from the cameras, the sensor and the microphone in predetermined time intervals at predetermined positions along the driving route as stated in the characterising part of claim 1.

The invention also concerns a use of the system as stated in the originally filed claim 8.

Cited documents:

D1: DE C1 19914861
 D2: US B1 6200139

From D1 and D2 are known systems for computer aided driving lessons. The known systems do not each include cameras, a sensor and a microphone as stated in the preamble of claim 1 and lack a processing unit which is arranged to store signals from the cameras, the sensor and the microphone in predetermined time intervals at predetermined positions along the driving route as stated in the characterising part of the claim.

D1 or D2 does not show a use of the system as stated in any of the claims 1-6 including measures for preparing and following up of an driving lesson as stated in the originally filed claim 8.

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Supplemental Box

In case the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient.
Continuation of: Box V

As the system in the amended claim 1 and the method in originally filed claim 8 are new, are considered to involve an inventive step, and also are industrially applicable, the patentability criteria are deemed to be met.

SUPPLEMENTAL BOX

The amended claim 7 is directed to a method for computer assisted driver lessons including displaying picture/video-sequences from pre-defined time intervals in pre-defined positions along a pre-defined route as preparation before driving occurs, when driving to record video signals from the same predefined route, and after the driving trip displaying the signals recorded during the trip in said pre-defined time intervals in said pre-defined positions.

In the disclosure as originally filed there is stated that, as preparation of the driving lesson, the teacher shows series of pictures, video cuts or sketches of the task to be taught from a predetermined route. During driving all the signals from the system, comprising several cameras, a microphone and a sensor are recorded. After the driving, the signals and pictures are displayed.

The amended claim 7 does not include recording of all signals from the system as originally stated. In the amended claim only video signals are mentioned, which gives the claim a broader scope.

Also, the amended claim 7 does not include the use of a system as stated in any of the claims 1-6, as originally stated in claim 8.

The method in the amended claim 7 is therefore considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed.

This also applies to corresponding parts of the amended description.

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Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

Claims 8-9 are not construed with a preamble and a characterising part.

C l a i m s
(Amended 12 October 2004)

1. A system for computer assisted driving lessons, for
5 installation in a vehicle used for instructions,
including an electronic processing unit (5) for display,
control, recording and storage of data, a first camera
(1) directed forward in the driving direction, a second
10 camera (2) directed at a pupil's eyes as well as
recording situations behind the vehicle, a microphone
(3), and a sensor (4) giving position data,
characterized in that the processing
15 unit (5) being arranged for synchronous recording and
storing signals from the cameras (1, 2), the microphone
(3) and the sensor (4) in pre-defined time intervals at
pre-defined positions along a driving route.

2. A system as claimed in claim 1,
20 characterized in a sensor measuring the
distance to any vehicle in front of the vehicle used
for instructions, the distance sensor being connected to
the processing unit (5) for recording of distances.

3. A system as claimed in claim 1,
25 characterized in that the sensor (4) for
measuring the position of the vehicle being a trip
meter.

4. A system as claimed in claim 1,
30 characterized in that the sensor (4) for
measuring the position of the vehicle being a Global
Positioning System receiver.

5. A system as claimed in one of the preceding claims,
35 characterized in that the processing
unit (5) being arranged for compressing the recorded
signals prior to storage.

6. A system as claimed in any of the preceding claims,
characterized in that the processing unit
(5) being arranged for storing an electronic scorecard,
for storing marks given to each pupil for each sequence of
5 the training route.

7. A method for computer assisted driving lessons, including
displaying picture/video-sequences from pre-defined time
intervals in pre-defined positions along a pre-defined
10 route as preparation before driving occurs, when driving
to record video signals from the same predefined route,
and after the driving trip displaying the signals recorded
during the trip in said pre-defined time intervals in said
pre-defined positions.

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8. A method as claimed in claim 7, including when driving
manually entering electronic marks at points of particular
interest, and after the trip displaying the signals
recorded during a predefined time interval at said points
20 of particular interest.

9. A method as claimed in claim 7 or 8, in which the signals
are registered with a video camera pointing in the
direction of driving.

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10. A method as claimed in claim 9, in which additional
signals are registered with a video camera pointing in the
rearward direction, and also recording the eyes of the
person driving.

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11. A method as claimed in claim 7 or 8, in which the
signals are recorded continuously during the trip.

12. A method as claimed in claim 7 or 8, in which the
35 signals are recorded in said pre-defined time intervals at
said pre-defined positions, and when an electronic mark
has been entered.

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| VIII-2-1 (i) | | ROALD, Arne of Skogveien 5 JAR Norway is the inventor of the subject matter for which protection is sought by way of this international application |
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| VIII-4-1 -1 | Prior applications: 20023791, NO, 09 August 2002 (09.08.2002) |

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| <p>I hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is known by me to be material to patentability as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.</p> <p>I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.</p> | |
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